

Appl. No. 09/805,099
Docket No. 8244MLS
Amdt. Dated January 28, 2008
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REMARKS

Claim 1-11, 15-18, 22, 24-53, and 56-80 are currently pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

The Office Action utilizes as its central reference U.S. 6,491,840. This reference is cited against the invention as 102(e) art. Applicants respectfully submit that this rejection is not "by another" according to the provisions of §102(e).

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CONCLUSION

This response represents an earnest effort to place the present application in proper form and to distinguish the invention as claimed from the applied references. In view of the foregoing, entry of the amendments presented herein, reconsideration of this application, and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

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